

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of publishing an image to the Internet, the method comprising the steps:

downloading image files of the image to a local computer connected to the Internet;

uploading the image files to a publishing server connected to the Internet and the local computer;

determining if any image files are missing with the publishing server;

assigning a uniform resource locator (URL) to the image files with the publishing server in order to publish the image files to the Internet.

2. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 wherein the image files are a 3DMovie.

3. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 wherein the image files are a Virtual Tour.

4. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of logging into the publishing server prior to uploading the image files.

5. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of assigning the URL further comprises creating database entries containing the image file information.

6. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of determining missing files further comprises suggesting files that need to be uploaded.

7. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 wherein the image files contain audio which may include both voice and music.

8. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of modifying the image files subsequent to assigning the URL.

9. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of managing the image files subsequent to assigning the URL.

10. A method of publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 1 further comprising the step of storing the image files on the publishing server.

11. A system for publishing an image to the Internet, the system comprising:

 a local computer connected to the Internet containing image files for the image; and

 a publishing server connected to the Internet, the publishing server being configured to upload the image files from the local computer, determine if any image files are missing, and assign a uniform

resource locator (URL) to the image files in order to publish the image to the Internet.

12. A system for publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 11 wherein the image files are a 3DMovie.

13. A system for publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 11 wherein the image files are a Virtual Tour.

14. A system for publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 11 wherein the image files have audio.

15. A system for publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 11 wherein the publishing server is further configured to modify the image after assigning the URL.

16. A system for publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 11 wherein the publishing server is configured to maintain a publishing account for a user.

17. A system for publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 11 wherein the publishing server is configured to allow the user to manage the images.

18. A system for publishing an image to the Internet as recited in claim 11 wherein the publishing server is configured to store the image files.

19. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet, the computer readable medium containing a program which executes the following procedure:

uploading from a local computer image files of the image to a publishing server connected to the Internet;
determining if any image files are missing; and
assigning a uniform resource locator (URL) to the image files in order to publish the image files to the Internet.

20. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet as recited in claim 19 wherein the image files are a 3DMovie.

21. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet as recited in claim 19 wherein the image files are a Virtual Tour.

22. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet as recited in claim 19 wherein the image files have audio.

23. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet as recited in claim 19 wherein the computer readable medium contains a program for modifying the image files after assigning the URL.

24. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet as recited in claim 19 wherein the computer readable medium contains a program to maintain a publishing account for a user.

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25. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet as recited in claim 19 wherein the computer readable medium contains a program to for managing image files after assigning the URL.

26. A computer readable medium for publishing images to the Internet as recited in claim 19 wherein the computer readable medium contains a program for storing the image files to a publishing server.

27. A system for publishing a series of images to the Internet, the publishing system comprising means for uploading image and associated files from a local computer to a host server, and assigning a uniform resource locator (URL) to the image files.

28. A system for publishing an image as recited in claim 27 wherein the image files are a 3DMovie.

29. A system for publishing an image as recited in claim 27 wherein the image files are a Virtual Tour.

30. A system for publishing an image as recited in claim 27 wherein the publishing means comprises means for creating database entries containing the image file information.

31. A system for publishing an image as recited in claim 27 wherein the publishing means comprises management means for managing image files subsequent to assigning a URL.

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32. A system for publishing an image as recited in claim 27 wherein the publishing means comprises modifying means for modifying the image files subsequent to assigning the URL.

33. A system for publishing an image as recited in claim 27 wherein the publishing means comprises account management means for maintaining a publishing account of a user.

34. A system for publishing an image as recited in claim 27 wherein the publishing means is configured to store the image files.